(d) if so, what action is feeing taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFBR SABHA): (a) to (d) Tanda is not a station and' no trains stop there. There was a demand for opening of a halt station at Tanda village between Ram-nagar and Pirumadara stations. This proposal has been exmiaed, but found not justified either financially, due to meagre traffic prospects, or on passenger amenity grounds as the area ie well served; with rbad services.

Intrwhict'on of new trains for Andhra Pradesh

532. SHRl YERRA NARAYANASAMY; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any plans to introduce new trains in Andhra Pradesh in 1995-96;

(b) if so the details of new trains under consideration for 1995-96; and

(c) whether S.C. Railway will consider introducing a late night exprsss train between Hyderabad-Rajahmundry?

THE MINISTER OP RAILWAYS (SHRI C. KV JA.FFER SHARIEF): *(a)* and (b) Now trains being introduced serving Andhra Pradesh during 1995-96 includa: —

1. Tirupati-Bombay Express (Bi-weekely)

2. Tirupati-Cuddapah Express

3; Nagorcoil-Bombay Express (Weekly} (via Dharmavaram-Wedi

4. Puri-Ahmedabd Express 'Weekly) (via Vizionagaram-Rai-pur)

(c) There is no such proposal at present.

Track fracture in South camical Railway

533 SHRl YERRA NARAYANA. SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS he pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rail track from Vijayawada to Samal not in South Central Railway; has been frequently identtted as prone to "track fracture"; '

(b) whether it is also a fact that no steps have been taken. to reduce the occurrence of track fracur in this sector; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to rectify this problem?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Necessary steps e.g. ultrasonic flaw detection of rails and replacement of defective rails have been taken to reduce the incidence of rail fractures all over Indian Railways including this sector.

(c) Does not arise.

Non punctuality of South Central Express Trains

534. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) wiether it is a fact that Ex-press- trains in South Central Rail way are not maintaining punctuality;

(b) if so, what is the punctuality record of 'Gowthami Express' in recent times; and

(c) what. steps Government propose it properly monitor the propsr running of Expres trains in South Central Railways?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. KT. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Mail|Express trains in

South Central Railway are maintain.
ing a sactisfactory revel of 'punctuality percentage.

However, the performance of 70471 7048 Gentami Express has hot been very satisractory during the recent past due to various reasons such as accidents, bad weather, engineering restrictions, equipment failures etc.

(c) Intensive chasing and daily monitoring at deferent leveis holding of daily punctuality meeting both at Divisional and Headquarters' level and foot Plating by senior officers of different Departments.

Accident of Godavari Egress Train

535. SHBI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whethetr it is a fact that the Government Express in South Central Railway was involved in a serious accident in February, 1905;

(b) if ' so, the details thereof; and

(c) the cause of the accident?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JFFIER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) On 8.2.95, at about 0140 hrs., while 7003 Hyderabad-Visakhapatnam Godvari Express was passing thorugh Bhimadole station on Vijayawada-Rajabmundry section on Vijayawara Division. 8coarhes of the train derated- As a result of this accident, 10 nassengers sustained injuries, including 2 grivous

.(c) The Commissioner of Railway Safty South Cental Circle has al-read'- held statutory inquiry and his report indicating the cause of the accident, is awaited.

Track reneewal in Stuth Central Railway

536. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that South Central Railway has embarked On a programme of track renewal;

(b) whether it is also a feet that the targets for track renewal are not being achieved; *and*

(c) if so, the status of targets and achievements on this matter in S.C. Railways?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRl G. K. JASFER SHARIP): (a) Targets for track renewals are fixed annually for all Railways prioritising s.retehes on safety/condition basis. Every Railway fodlows the programme set for it every year. The pro. gramme of Track Renewals on Southe Central Railway also follows the same procedure.

(b) No, Sir.

In fact the Railway has been eX-ceed'ng the targets set for it every year.

(e) In 1993-94 S.C. Railway achieved a progress of 400 km. (CTR) Units) against a target of 350 km for track renewals and currently, up to January, 95, the Railway has already carried out 306 kms. of tracks ren wals against a propo-tionete target of 301 kms. It is expected that for the year 1994-95 the S.C. Railway would achieve better pro-gress than the annual target of 340 kms.

Derailment of Udyan Express Train

537. SHRI V NARYANASAMY:
SHRl G Y. KRISHNAN:

WTO the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state-

(a) whether there was a ghastly taain accident on 31st December, 1994 when Bangalore bound UdYan Express from Bombay deralled near Bangalore;